

REMINISCENT.

Announcement of the Death of John A. Bingham.

INSPIRES JOHN SHERMAN

To Reminiscent Review of the Career of His Old-Time Friend, Who Entered Congress With Him Forty-five Years Ago—All of Sherman's Old Contemporaries Have Been Gathered in by the Reaper, and He Lingers Alone.

Washington special to Toledo Blade: When the death of that grand old man, John A. Bingham, was known in Washington, I called on John Sherman. I knew that Bingham and Sherman had entered congress on the same day—March 4, 1855. There was something indescribably pathetic in my call at Senator Sherman's home. I was in the presence of the lone remaining grand old man of our great state. Since 1854, when Bingham and Sherman were chosen to congress, Ohio has had three Presidents. When Bingham and Sherman were sworn in as members President McKinley was a boy of 10.

Since that day Sherman has heard of the death of all the great men of Ohio, who with him made the state famous in the sisterhood of states. Delano, Thurman, Allen, Wade, Pendleton, Garfield, Hayes, Giddings and now Bingham have been gathered to their Father—and Sherman, tall, gaunt, venerable and feeble, remains. I found the great statesman in his library, a vast room, crowded with books and on the walls pictures of those dearest to him personally or in his political career.

There was on the mantel photographs from paintings of his father and mother. The father died in 1839. "I do not remember him," said the senator. "I was but six years of age, and have no recollection of his appearance." The photograph represents a man of most distinguished features and aristocratic bearing.

All His Old Friends Gone. "So Bingham is gone," said the venerable Sherman. "Ah, me, all my old friends and co-workers are in their graves. I feel that I am myself in the past and my work finished. I am not given to worry, however, and I am thankful that my life has been spared so long and that I have served my country. Yes, I knew Bingham very well. We were elected to congress at the same time. That was in 1854, when there was a revolution in politics and the Democrats were swept out everywhere, especially in Ohio. Bingham was seven years my senior. We stood up together to be sworn in. That was forty-five years ago. He remained in the house many years after I went to the senate. We met often, though after I became a senator we did not have so much intercourse as in the lower house. I remember him as a remarkable orator, probably the most eloquent congressman of all, though I might except Cowdin.

"Bingham was exceedingly poetical and flowery in his speeches, and he liked to make a speech. I did not think him a profound man, that is, not a leader of men, but he had a wonderful mind, great information, and was of high character. A very useful man he was, too, in those stirring days. So Bingham is dead. I have not seen him in many years, but I remember he was minister to Japan, where he was very valuable."

Enjoying Life With Books. Senator Sherman, never voluble, but always interesting, talked of his long public career with evident but modest pride. Going over it briefly, referring to the forty-five years he had given to the nation, he concluded by saying: "Now I am through. I am trying to enjoy the rest of my life among my books. I want to live as long as I can. I like it in Washington in the winter, and in the summer I enjoy going to Mansfield. I am inclined to be content. I owe no man anything. I liked my life in the senate, and I would gladly have remained there. However, in what I thought was a public exigency I accepted the appointment as secretary of state. Well, I was not there long until I found that I was not wanted. But I make no complaint. My health is better than it has been in two years, and I did intend to visit Paris this year. I wanted to go by

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way of the Mediterranean and come home via Paris and see the exposition. My doctors, however, wouldn't hear to it, and said the excitement of Paris this year might kill me. So I suppose I must take their advice and remain at home. Mrs. Sherman is not very well, but we hope she will recover."

Other visitors dropped in during my talk, and one of them expressed the desire to hear the venerable statesman make another speech.

"Oh, no," said Sherman, "my day of speech-making is over. I leave that to the younger men."

Sherman Growing Forgetful. Senator Sherman's eyes are still bright, his speech is quick and fluent, and in many ways he seems no older than when he was last elected to the senate in 1892. He is forgetful at times and repeats, especially in talking of the past. Yet his conversation, unlike that of most aged men, is not wholly of other days. He talks of current events and does not overwhelm you with reminiscence. He spoke of his old colleague, Galusha Grow, the veteran congressman from Pennsylvania, who is quite sick, but gradually recovering. Grow entered congress in 1853 and left it in 1893, returning after a generation. Galusha Grow and John Sherman are about the same age, though Grow is of more rugged physique. Sherman spoke kindly of Ben Wade, who served with him in the senate. The remark was made that but three Ohio senators have served three terms, Ruggles, Wade and Sherman.

"Wade was a great man," said Sherman, "an honorable man, and we got along well in the senate." Again the conversation turned to his parents and Senator Sherman, showing the portrait of his mother, remarked, "She was left a widow with eleven children when I was six years of age, and she lived to see them all grow up. Ah, me, they are nearly all dead now. My sister, Mrs. Reese, at Lancaster; my brother Hoyt, in Iowa, and myself, are all that are left," and the venerable statesman sighed as he placed the picture of his mother back on the mantel.

I have visited all the great men of the last fifteen years at their homes, and I do not remember a more pathetic visit than the one I have just had with John Sherman. Cheerful as he seems to be, one cannot but reflect that he regrets leaving the senate. Nor can we forget that his ambition was the Presidency, which he saw go three times to other sons of Ohio who had not equaled him in long service to the Republican party.

Last Visit to Bingham. My last visit to John A. Bingham was in November. He was then feeble but his mind was alert, especially on events of his earlier life. He had begun the practice of law in Cincinnati. That was in 1848, and he would have remained in that city but for the cholera.

I asked him if he thought his career would have been as great had he remained in Cincinnati.

"Greater," was the response. "I have always thought that the opportunities in law and politics would have given me greater fame had I been allowed to stay in a great city. But the cholera came on and my family wanted to return to these healthful hills. I came back to Cadiz, and in two years was nominated for Congress. The district was Democratic, but I carried it, and I hope I did my country service."

THE BIG STRIKE

Of Machinists Inaugurated at Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 22.—After voting for over four hours in secret session at Germania Hall, at 2 a. m. 1,600 machinists of Cleveland, both union and non-union men, unanimously declared a strike, to go into effect this morning. The strike will affect about fifty-five machine shops and manufacturing.

The result of the decisive ballot was received with deafening cheers. President O'Connell said that now it looked as though Cleveland would be the stamping ground of one of the biggest strikes inaugurated in the United States. It is said that nearly all the apprentices in the various shops will walk out with the men this morning, leaving the manufacturers almost without a machinist of any sort.

In accordance with the decision reached at the meeting, which lasted practically throughout the night, the machinists employed in more than fifty establishments laid down their tools at 8 o'clock this morning.

It is stated that about 2,000 men are out, including union and non-union men. Should the strike continue for a few days several thousand additional men in other trades dependent upon the machinists will become idle. The strikers declare they will remain out until their demand for a nine-hour day with ten hours' pay is granted by the employers.

At four establishments the machinists were notified early in the day that their demands had been granted. In these shops the men continued at work.

President O'Donnell, of the Interna-

tional Machinists' Union, has issued the following statement:

"If the nine-hour day is not granted by the employers of machinists throughout the country by April 1 there will be a general strike, involving 200,000 machinists, and not a wheel will be turned until the concession is made."

The strikes now in operation in Chicago, Cleveland, Columbus and other cities have so far encouraged the machinists of the United States to make a general demand for a nine-hour day, and unless the present strikes are speedily adjusted it will be very hard to prevent a general movement.

Telegrams are pouring in from all sections of the country asking permission to make the demand. I am, however, trying to avoid the necessity of a general strike, and if the officers of the National Metal Trades Association can be induced to meet us in a spirit of fairness, without imposing unreasonable conditions to their propositions, a general strike can be averted.

"If the employers, however, insist that all present strikes must be declared off for an indefinite period, before they will consider the question of arbitration, an amicable adjustment cannot be looked for."

MORGANTOWN MELANGE.

Budget of Interesting and Bright Items From the University Seat of an Entertaining and Gossipy Character.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., March 22.—The annual meeting of the Society of the Army of West Virginia, which is composed of the veterans of the Civil war from the states of Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Maryland, will be held in Fairmont early in September. Ten thousand visitors are expected. In anticipation of the crowd, a committee of the business men, composed of R. E. Herr, Joseph P. Fleming, E. A. Billingsley, O. S. McKinney and Sam R. Nusum, was appointed to prepare entertainment.

Falling to get a regular rector of the church here, the Episcopal church will be supplied by Bishop Penick and Rev. Mr. Caswell, of Fairmont.

The first oil well to be drilled on the east side of the Monongahela river was completed yesterday and was as dry as a bone. This test condemns a great deal of leased territory.

Hugh Warder, a senior in the law department of the University, has been elected assistant cashier of the Merchants' and Mechanics' bank at Gratton.

G. W. Conley, a senior in the A. B. course at the University, has been elected to a position in Union College, at Ravenswood.

Russell A. Hayes has purchased the interest of Prof. James S. Stewart in the business of George C. Hayes & Co.

Amos Steck, representing Pittsburgh parties, has purchased 3,500 acres of coal land on the west side of the river in this county.

LONG LITIGATION

Settled by a Perpetual Injunction Against Town of Weston.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., March 22.—Judge Goff to-day handed down the following decision in the cause of James A. Tierney vs. the town of Weston: James A. Tierney, vs. the town of Weston, in equity. This cause came on this 22d day of March, 1906, to be heard upon the bill answer of the defendant general replication thereto exhibit, and upon the faith agreed of record by the parties hereto, on the 8th day of November, 1899, and was argued by counsel. Upon consideration whereof it is adjudged, ordered and decreed that the defendant, the town of Weston, be perpetually enjoined and restrained from taking or appropriating the property of the plaintiff mentioned in the bill, and exhibits of this cause, unless proper compensation be made therefor in the manner provided for by the laws of the state of West Virginia. It is further ordered that the defendant do pay the plaintiff the costs in this cause. (Signed) Nathan Goff, United States circuit court.

CABLE PARTED.

Elevator Went Down and Three Injured.

NEW YORK, March 22.—One of the elevators in the seven-story factory building, No. 247 Centre street, broke its cable this morning and fell seven stories, injuring three of its occupants. The injured are: John Pododa, 17 years of age, elevator boy, internal injuries. Bernard Katsung, Brooklyn, severe scalp wound, internal injuries and fractured left arm.

Anson Schroeder, Brooklyn, internal injuries and fractured left leg.

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE

To Disprove Facts—It is Decidedly Easy to Verify Wheeling Opinion.

Nothing by way of an introduction could be added to the experiences and opinions given below, which could increase their value. Wheeling people can safely be left to draw their own conclusions based on such convincing proof as this citizen offers. What is there lacking in evidence like this to satisfy a dyed-in-the-wool-doubting Thomas?

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INCONSISTENCIES

Of the Late Nebraska Democratic Platform Considered—As the Document Was Admittedly Approved by Mr. Bryan, It May be Taken as a Forecast of the Democratic National Platform.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer. SIR:—"We assert that the constitution follows the flag and denounce the doctrine an executive or a congress created and limited by the constitution, can exercise lawful authority beyond that constitution or in violation of it; believing that a nation cannot long endure half republican and half empire, we oppose wars of conquest and colonial possessions."

The first part of this paragraph and the last part are of very great moment, and as the platform, adopted by Mr. Bryan's approval, foreshadows the contentions to come up in the approaching campaign, it seems right and proper that the Intelligencer might give some space to its consideration.

In the first place, what is meant by the assertion "that the constitution follows the flag?"

It occurs to your correspondent it means that the great instrument spreads itself over and locks itself automatically around or upon any place occupied in any way or by any means by the forces or physical acts of any official of the United States—for instance, Dewey's acts, under orders of the President, or Miles' acts, under orders, or as in Cuba—the flag was raised in these places—officially raised.

Is it Mr. Bryan's contention that the constitution went there in all its rigor the instant the flag reached the peak of the staff and the halyards were tied?

The Nebraska platform says it and it is agreed Mr. Bryan framed the declaration.

It appears to me this introduces the same doctrine John C. Calhoun willed to us and which was disposed of at Appomattox.

It means that so soon as rebellion ceases in the Philippines the people there have a right to proceed, or now, for that matter, without further acts on the part of Congress or anyone, to take a census, elect a legislature, congressmen and two senators. It means those people cannot, except by force of arms, be independent, that the United States cannot confer, give or let them have independence, because the constitution, the platform says, follows the flag, and therefore is locked upon the land and people. Would anyone say the state of West Virginia can be independent of the United States, or Arizona, or Alaska? Can Congress give the Porto Ricans or the Filipinos independence? Not according to this declaration in the platform.

After asserting the constitution follows the flag, the platform (says Mr. Bryan) wants an "immediate declaration of the nation's purpose to give to the Philippines, first, a stable form of government; (why the constitution's there); second, independence (the constitution is locked on them), and, third, protection from outside interference."

Is the constitution a "stable form of government?" Isn't it there? Men who are acquainted with the beliefs and declarations of Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Jackson and others, have good reason to believe they knew something of this same constitution which has been amended fifteen times.

It appears to the ordinary mind that, while the "padlock" of the constitution is always in the hands of the people of the nation (in their Congress), yet it does not open and shut with a "snap," but must be placed and closed by them when they see fit and is not an automatic contrivance.

It is a fair thing to say that the button may be pressed and the "light of the constitution" is shed upon a people, but that people do then and there, by the pressing of the button of the "light plant," become a part of the "plant" is an absurd thing to say. And then to accord the Filipinos independence and at the same time "protect" them. What a thing that would be! How pleasant a situation this would become. This would indeed be a Pandora's box, with all the troubles let out and without the "Hope" of peace shut in.

The whole thing, this platform, seems to me so contradictory that it is a matter of wonderment that a man or men of intelligence could announce such doctrines.

Pardon the attempt to enroach on your valuable space, but the Intelligencer began its career when these very questions were showing the foundation of the Union.

From my own standpoint I feel I have a right to express myself, since my father lost his life at Winchester fighting this, as well as other assertions or doctrines.

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